

Interview Summary:

An interview was conducted on May 18, 2006, between Examiner Ketter and Applicants' representative to discuss the Office Action dated March 28, 2006. Claims 1-129 were examined in the Office Action. Applicants' representative pointed out that this was an error because Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment on January 5, 2004, which cancelled claims 1-129 and added new claims 130-152. Accordingly, claims 130-152 should have been examined. Examiner Ketter indicated that he had not seen the Preliminary Amendment and that a copy of the Preliminary Amendment did not appear to be in his file.

It was agreed that in response to the current Office Action, Applicants would provide a copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed January 5, 2004, and a copy of the return postcard indicating receipt of the Preliminary Amendment by the Patent Office. It was also agreed that Examiner Ketter would examine claims 130-152 on the merits and that any Office Action based on this examination would be a non-final Office Action.